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# Dr. Wm. Kincaid Newman Elevated To New Position

Dr. William Kincaid Newman, New York, secretary of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, has been named to head the denomination's pension boards and ministerial relief work.

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, announced Dr. Newman's election as general secretary of the Board and head of its ministerial relief division. Previously Dr. Newman had been elected general secretary of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers and of the Retirement Fund for Lay Workers by the trustees of those organizations.

He succeeds Rev. Dr. Frank J. Scribner, New York, in all three posts. Dr. Scribner will retire.

Dr. Newman, a lawyer, joined the mission board's church building department in 1957 and has headed it since 1940.

In 1956 he received the Conover Award for "excellence in fostering spiritual values in creation of ecclesiastical edifices" from the Church Architectural Guild of America.

The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers is a membership corporation. It pays annuities based upon monies standing to the credit of each individual member at the time he retires. These accumulations are built up from payments made by the member during his active ministry, payments by his churches or other employing agencies, credits from the income of a memorial fund and interest.

The Retirement Fund for Lay Workers is the pension plan for unordained employees of the Congregational Christian Churches and other church organizations. A membership corporation, it functions like the Annuity



DR. WILLIAM NEWMAN

Fund. The Ministerial Relief Division of the Mission Board makes relief grants to ministers and their families in cases of dire necessity.

Dr. Newman was admitted to the Bar in Pennsylvania in 1934 and in New York in 1937.

From 1952 to 1954 he carried out a temporary assignment as area director and member of the executive committee of the Church Building Loan Fund campaign, during which he was instrumental in raising \$4,700,000 to finance the building of new churches.

Dr. Newman was educated at Germantown Academy, Philadelphia; Princeton University (A. B. with honors, 1931), and the University of Pennsylvania (LL. B., 1934). Rocky Mount College, Billings, Montana, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1956.

The Newmans live in Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Mrs. Newman is the former Cathelia E. Pollock. They have three children, James, Katherine and Harley.

# United Church General Synod Meets In July

Protestants all over the world will focus their attention on the quiet little college town of Oberlin, Ohio, from July 5 to 9 as the United Church of Christ, meeting in its first General Synod since its founding two years ago, seeks to determine its future form of government.

Consideration of a proposed constitution for the Church is the main item of business before the 700 delegates to the Synod. It was prepared by a 20-member commission, equally representative of the Congregational Christian Churches and of the Evangelical Reformed Church, which has been at work for two years.

The United Church was formed under the provisions of a Basis of Union with Interpretations, which was adopted by majority votes of the adherents of the two uniting churches.

The Oberlin Synod will consider a statement of faith for the United Church after completing action on the constitution. The statement was formulated by a drafting commission similar to that for the constitution. It has already been made public, but has not been acted on formally. Local churches may adopt the statement or not, as they wish, if it is approved by the General Synod.

If the constitution for the United Church is approved at the Oberlin Meeting, it will still be some time before it is put into effect. It must be ratified by two-thirds of the Congregational Christian churches voting and by two-thirds of the Evangelical and Reformed synods.

Dr. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator of the Convention, Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College, and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. will represent the Southeast Convention at the General Synod.

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### NOTICE!

Mr. Avedis Artinian, a national from Syria and Lebanon, who will be our guest speaker and leader at the Ga.-S. C. Women's Retreat and Summer Conference and at the Ala.-W. Fla. Summer Conference, will be available for appointments in local churches on the following dates —

July 19, Sunday night, if it is not too far from Perry, Ga.

July 20 - 25

Aug. 2, Sunday A. M. and P. M.

Please write to the Southeast Convention Office, 673 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga., at once if you desire to have him speak in your church.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

June 7 — Chattanooga, Pilgrim
June 14 — Phenix City, First
July 4-11 — General Synod, Oberlin,
and Council for Social Action
July 19 — Pine Mountain, Oak Grove
July 26 - August 1 — Alabama and
. Northwest Florida Young People's
Summer Conference

### **Summer Conference Dates**

June 7-13 — Kentucky-Tennessee at Camp Pomona

July 26 - August 1 — Ala. - N. W. Fla., Southern Union College. Dean, Rev. Charles Bell, 530 Handley Ave., Roanoke, Ala.

August 16 - 22 — Ga. - S. C., Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mt., Ga., Rev. Samuel D. Nelson, Murphy Ave., Barnesville, Ga., Dean

# Echoes Of Southern Union College

Walter A. Graham, President

Graduation exercises at Southern Union College were held on Sunday, May 31. Forty-five young men and women, the largest group ever to graduate from Southern Union, received their diplomas — forty-two winning their Associate in Arts degrees, and three their Certificates in Commercial Science.

Rev. Douglas Wasson, Administrative Assistant at Snead College, Boaz, Alabama, former teacher and interimpresident at Southern Union, delivered the baccalaureate address. His subject was "Sold by Sample." This service was held at 11:00 A. M. in the Elder Hall auditorium.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Dean of the Faculty at SUC, and a greatly beloved friend of the people, ministers, and churches, delivered the commencement address to the 1959 graduating class at 2:00 P. M.

James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, and W. Pressley Ingram, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southern Union, were also present and took part in the commencement exercises.

Summer School will open on Monday, June 8th. Twelve courses are being offered, and the professors will be Bruner, Frost, Harper, Jackson, Olivet, and Van Cleave.

The campus will be a busy place during the summer months, not only with the summer school in session, but with several groups visiting the campus. The swimming pool will be open under the direction of a trained life guard, who will also have supervision, in cooperation with the town of Wadley and the Kiwanis Club, of the nearby playing fields for softball, tennis and volley ball

The summer schedule is as follows: 1. June 14-27: Work Camp. Reservations still being received.

2. July 26 - Aug. 1: Jr.-Sr. High Camp, Rev. Charles W. Bell, Dean

 Aug. 14-15: Women's Retreat. See Rev. Annie R. Campbell.

Visitors are always welcome at the College. We want to show you the progress that has been made, and to thank you for your support. Truly no place can do so much with so little as can Southern Union College. Even when our little is very little, we are grateful.



REV. EVERETT C. BLAKE

# Missionary Visitors Here For Summer Conferences

Mr. Avedis Artinian, of Syria, Mr. Yoshio Ohara, of Japan, and Rev. Everett C. Blake, missionary to the Near East, will be in the Southeast Convention area this summer.

Rev. Everett C. Blake, who has been a missionary in the Near East for 30 years, and who is now business manager of the American Collegiate Institute for Girls at Izmir, Turkey, will be on the faculty of the Kentucky-Tennessee Summer Conference.

Mr. Blake is married to the former Lynda Goodsell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell, They have three children, a daughter, Jacklyn, a student at Oberlin College; and two sons, John, of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Lincoln, now serving with the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Yoshio Ohara, who came to this country last year after living in Japan for more than 27 years, is a candidate for the degree of Master of Comparative Law at the Columbia Law School, New York. He will be at the Work Camp at Southern Union College, June 14-27.

Mr. Avedis Artinian, who will be at the Ga.-S. C. Women's Retreat July 18-19, the Alabama-Florida Summer Conference July 26 - August 1, and the Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference, August 16-22, is a member of the Armenian Evangelical Congregational Church. He is a graduate of Aleppo College, the Near East School of Theology and the American University in Beirut, Lebanon.

### SOUTHEAST CONVENTION: Alabama (Including Florida Nos. 67–71); Georgia (Including South Carolina No. 106); Kentucky-Tennessee

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Expenses 119; New Buildings and Improvements 36 (amount \$111,757); Payment on Principal of Bidg, Debts 12 (amount \$23,328); Church Property 119; Debts 11 (amount \$341,418); Parsonage 36. NO. OF CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING TO APPORTIONMENT AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES: 89 (amount \$36,823); On apportionment 55 (State Conf. 81; National Boards 83); Other Gifts 55. SALARIES; No. churches and yoked fields reporting 66 (amount \$165,080); Part time supplies 35 (amount \$20,564); Pastoral Units 31. Average Salary for regular service: \$4,339. YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 3-6; 11-18; 13-30; 15-23-24; 16-35; 32-36; 38-41-42; 46-53-56; 49-51-57-59-62-63; 64-65-66; 67-69; 72-88; 76-79: 77-94; 92-100; 112-119; 113-114-118.

# Chain Of Prayer Sponsored By Lanett Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship of Lanett Congregational Christian Church sponsored a chain of prayer starting Sunday, May 3. We began at 6:00 A. M. Sunday. Ten minutes were given to each person so that we could have a continuous chain from 6:00 A. M. through to 12:00 midnight. We like the idea so much that we are going to continue it again on Sunday, May 10. We are praying for our revival, which begins May 10; our Building Fund; our church in general; world peace; and for the Spirit of Christ to enter into people who are indifferent to His church.

Rev. John Crutcher will preach for our revival. We will have special recognition nights during the revival: Sunday night will be Loyalty Night, with each person dedicating himself to faithful participation each service in our revival.

Monday night will be Sunday School

Tuesday, Ladies' Night, with each circle in the Women's Fellowship trying for 100% attendance.

Wednesday will be Youth Night, with Primary, Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowships and Primary and Junior Choirs participating.

Thursday, Men's Night, with the Men's Fellowship trying for a perfect attendance.

Friday, Family Night, Mom and Dad and all the kids getting together and committing themselves to continued love and loyalty, and to service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

# Southeast District PF Has April Meeting

The Southeast District Pilgrim Fellowship held its April meeting at Union Hill, near Pearson, Georgia. Five churches were represented, with forty members present.

Gloria Conley of William's Chapel, Waycross, Georgia, read Scripture. The Rev. Bob Hendrix welcomed the group and introduced the program which was centered around "Friendship." A film strip, "How Do You Dig Friendship?", was shown, and a discussion was held

# People . . . Churches . . .

# Mother-Daughter Banquet Held At Hebron

The first Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by Hebron's Woman's Fellowship was held at the Goodwill Clubhouse on Saturday, May 9th, prior to Mother's Day, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Jerry Lawrence and Mrs. James Peterman, fellowship mem-

The ladies and their daughters assembled at the clubhouse, which was decorated in six rainbow colors carrying out the theme of the program, "The Rainbow in Your Life".

The program for the evening consisted of the following: Welcome - Mrs. Jack Daniel; Response - Mrs. Jerry Lawrence; Group Song - "Faith of Our Mother"; Mother-Daughter Devotional - Mrs. Grady Goodman and Miss Kathy Goodman: Prayer — Group: Mother-Daughter Readings - Mrs. Alton Ellerbee and Miss Sandra Ellerbee; Mother-Daughter Duet - Mrs. Grant Helms and Miss Gloria Helms; "What Is a Rainbow?" - Mrs. Glynn Mallory; Benediction - Mrs. R. F. Mallory.

Those attending this event were: Mrs. J. C. Ellerbee Sr., Mrs. Tom Daniel, Mrs. Alton Ellerbee, Miss Sandra Ellerbee, Mrs. Mae Daniel, Mrs. Donald Stagg, Mrs. Hoyt Denham, Mrs. Robert Sheppard, Mrs. Jerry Lawrence, Miss Barbara Lawrence, Mrs. Grant Helms, Miss Gloria Helms, Mrs. Grady Goodman, Miss Kathy Goodman, Mrs. R. F. Mallery, Mrs. Glynn Mallory, Miss Christi Peterman and Mrs. James Peterman.

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During the business session the group decided to maintain a college scholarship for some worthy boy or girl who is an active member of the Southeast District. Each PF group in the district is to shar; this scholarship on a percentage basis. Rev. Otto Culpepper, Rev. Bob Hendrix, and Rev. Edward Knight, with the Executive Council, are to draw up qualifications for the

The next meeting of Southeast P. F. will be held at William's Chapel, Waycross, Georgia.

> Verno Belle Harris, Reporter Southeast District PF

# Events ...

### Here And There

Birmingham, Alabama

Dr. James E. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and co-president of the United Church of Christ, was the principal speaker at the Cornerstone Laying Service of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, May 3.

Mr. R. C. Flemister presided over the exercises during which greetings were brought by several persons including Miss Elizabeth Mowery, of the Division of Church Extension, and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr.

Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin is the minister of the church.

#### Corbin, Kentucky

Groundbreaking Ceremonies were to be held for the new church building at Corbin, Ky., on Sunday, May 10. Rev. Charles Drake is the minister of the church, which is in the process of relocating.

#### Pleasant Hill, Tennessee

Services were held for the first time in the new church building on Sunday, May 10. The day before, the wedding of Miss Beulah Francss Blalock and Mr. Donald Alfred Hoose was held in the new church.

Pretty little Bonita Linda, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, was baptized by Rev. Annie R. Campbell and Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr. at United Church, LaGrange, Ga., on May 31.

The Convention offices have been rearranged and will be painted in June. Stop by to see the new look when you are in Atlanta.

Mr. Willie McGill, president of the East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship, reports the laymen made about \$400 profit on the Bar-B-Que held several weeks ago. The money will go to the fund for the Field House at Southern Union College.

The North Alabama PF Rally was held at Mt. Lebanon Church, Steele, Ala., on Sunday, April 26. More than 80 persons were present for the sessions presided over by Miss Ann Turner, president.

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DR. AND MRS. PAUL R. REYNOLDS

# Dr. Frank R. Snavely Accepts Call To Pleasant Hill Community Church

The Rev. Frank R. Snavely has accepted a call to become Minister-Director of Pleasant. Hill Community Church and Center on June 1, in a program of cooperation between the Community Church and Community Center in which a church-centered community work is being developed.

Mr. Snavely took his Bachelor of Arts degree at Union College, Barbourville, Ky., and his Bachelor of Divinity at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt. Following graduation and ordination in 1948, he served the Gainesboro Methodist Church three years, the First Methodist Church, Crossville, five years, and for the last three years has been with the Smyrna Methodist Church.

Mr. Snavely has already made a name for himself through his contributions to religious literature. He has written for both the youth and adult publications of the Methodist Church, and has contributed to books published by Harper and Westminster Press. His autobiography telling of his call to the ministry is in the book, "These Found the Way", Westminster Press, 1951. He has also been a contributor to THE PERSONALIST, published by the University of Southern California; THE

EXPOSITOR, etc.

Mr. Snavely is married and has three children. David Richardson, the oldest, is 13. Next are Ross Keith, 9, and Michal Elaine, 5.

Mr. Snavely succeeds Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, who came to Pleasant Hill as Minister and Director in 1954, after serving as National Youth Secretary and then as Secretary of the Young Adult and Family Life Program of the Congregational Christian Churches for 17 years. Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds served as missionaries in China under the American Board for more than fifteen years. Together they gave leadership to the new program at Pleasant Hill until his retirement in 1957. Since then, both have been active in interim capacities.

For the past two years, until a new Minister-Director was called, Mr. Earl Clark, a veteran of many years on the staff of the Center, has been the Acting Director and continued the work of the widely known crafts program. He will continue on the staff, working as an associate to Mr. Snavely in the crafts program.

Rev. C. Freeman Sleeper, a graduate student at the Vanderbilt Divinity School, has also served the church as part-time minister during the interim.

# St. John's Church Observes 85th Anniversary In May

The St. John's United Church (Evangelical and Reformed), of Cullman, Ala., celebrated its 85th Anniversary in special observance held April 30 - May 3.

On Sunday morning, May 3, Dr. James E. Wagner, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and Co-president of the United Church of Christ, delivered the anniversary sermon.

Dr. Wagner also spoke to an informal gathering on Saturday night to which representatives of the Congregational Christian Churches in the area were particularly invited, Dr. Wagner reported on the United Church and answered questions raised by those present. A social period with delicious refreshments followed.

Other speakers at special services during the celebration included Dr. Harry W. Bradeweg, President of the South Indiana Synod of the E & R Church, and Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

Rev. Richard J. Fraser is the minister of the church, which has 234 active members, a Sunday School enrollment of 166, a fine choir, an active Women's Guild, a Men's Brotherhood, and Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships. Mr. Fraser is well known throughout the Southeast Convention because of his many activities in cooperative ventures.

### Mrs. Ray E. Phillips Sends Greetings To Women

Mrs. Ray E. Phillips, who was guest speaker at the Women's Rallies in the Spring of 1959, wishes to thank the Women's Fellowships and the Southeast Convention for the gift to her of colored slides made while she was visiting in the area. These slides were a gift to Mrs. Phillips from both the Women's Fellowships and the Southeast Convention Office, and are greatly appreciated. They will long serve to remind her of her very pleasant visit, and of the beauties of our own Southland in the springtime.